

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A composite material comprising a gypsum partitional slab coated on at least one of its two surfaces with a cardboard or paper ply, wherein said ply is impregnated with an insecticidally effective amount of a 1-phenylpyrazole type insecticide. The insecticide is preferably 5-amino-3-cyano-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-4-trifluoromethylsulfinylpyrazole. The composite material provides a method for protecting dwellings against damage caused by borers, especially termites, wherein the composite material is fixed on at least 50%, preferably 95%, of the total surface area of the internal face of partitions and walls.